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SUBJECT: ECE - VENUE FOR 29 TH PLENARY

1. ROMANIAN MISOFF CONFIRMED TODAY RUMOR CIRCULATING HERE THAT ROMANIA INTENDS ISSUE INVITATION DURING 28 TH PLENARY TO HOLD ECE 29 TH PLENARY IN SPRING 1974 IN BUCHAREST. ROMANIANS NOW TRYING TO LINE UP SUPPORT FOR THEIR INITIATIVE. HE SAID USSR SUPPORTS IN PRINCIPLE.

2. PROBLEM IS COMPLICATED BY FACT ROMANIAN' S ARE NOT RPT NOT OFFERING TO DEFRAY ADDITIONAL COSTS OF HOLDING MEETING AWAY FROM HEADQUARTERS. TO JUSTIFY THEIR POSITION, THEY CITE FACT THAT OTHER REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSIONS HAVE BEEN HOLDING PLENARIES AWAY FROM REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS FOR YEARS WITHOUT CHARGING HOST FOR ADDITIONAL COSTS. THEY SEE THIS MOVE MERELY AS BRINGING ECE INTO LINE WITH OTHER REGIONS. ROMANIANS BELIEVE POLITICAL BENEFITS OF HOLDING PLENARIES IN VARIOUS CAPITALS OF EUROPE FAR OUTWEIGH FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS, WHICH THEY ESTIMATE AT BETWEEN \$65,000 TO \$90,000.

3. ROMANIANS MADE CLEAR THAT PRINCIPLE THAT HOST SHOULD DEFRAY EXTRA COSTS OF HOLDING SEMINARS, SYMPOSIA, AND OTHER MEETINGS AWAY FROM HEADQUARTERS WOULD NOT BE QUESTIONED. ONLY IN THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CASE OF PLENARY WOULD ECE BUDGET HAVE TO ABSORB EXTRA EXPENSES.

4. MISOFF TOLD ROMANIAN COLLEAGUE U. S. HAS STRONGLY FAVORED PRINCIPLE OF HOLDING ECE PLENARIES AND MAIN COMMITTEE MEETINGS IN GENEVA AND THAT FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF ROMANIAN INITIATIVE WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY WEIGH HEAVILY ON OUR POSITION RE 29 TH PLENARY.

5. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT' S VIEWS FOR USE WITH ROMANIANS AND OTHER DELEGATIONS. RIMESTAD

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